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1. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

NYT'S GELB REPORTS NVIETS TOLD REP MCCLOSKEY, OTHER CONGRESSMEN WHO VISITED HANOI, PRES NIXON SENT MEMO JAN 73 PROMISING 3.25 BILLION DOLS US AID. CONGRESSMEN DID NOT SEE DOCUMENT, HAVE BEEN REQUESTING MEETING WITH SECSTATE TO DISCUSS REPORTED MEMO; BEFORE C-F SIGNING, HAK SAID US HAD MADE NO SECRET UNDERSTANDINGS TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT, AND NO SPECIFIC SUMS IN POSTWAR AID PROMISED NVN. ACCORDING CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES, NVIETS STILL EXPECT PURPORTED AID PROMISE BE FULFILLED, ARE LINKING
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THIS TO THEIR PROVIDING MORE INFO ABOUT US MIAS. SECSTATE COULD NOT BE REACHED FOR COMMENT (ABRIDGED IN SUN).

JAPANESE EMBASSY SAIGON WILL CLOSE LATE MARCH, AMB

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TO NVN APPOINTED (WP 1/31). JAPAN DECIDES GIVE NVN TECHNICAL AID FOR DEVELOPMENT OIL RESOURCES (CSM; WP) AT NVN REQUEST. AREAS INVOLVED LIE OFF MEKONG DELTA WHERE INTL OIL COMPANIES HAD EXPLORATION RIGHTS WITH GVN (CSM).

USSR BELIEVED INCREASED ECON AID TO NVN RECENTLY TO STRENGTHEN RELS WITH HANOI AT EXPENSE PRC-NVN RELS. ONE GUESS PUTS PACKAGE AT 500 MILLION DOLS; USSR OFFICIAL LISTS 40 SPECIFIC CAPITAL PROJECTS TO BE FINANCED. SOVIETS AVOID REFERENCE SVN AID, LEADING ANALYSTS ASSUME ALL AID BEING CHANNELED THROUGH NVN. MOSCOW THOUGHT ENCOURAGED REUNIFICATION TO CONSOLIDATE VN POWER TO ACT AS BUFFER AGAINST PRC IN SEA (NYT SPECIAL 2/1). LAOTIAN DEL LEAVES MOSCOW AFTER 5-DAY VISIT DURING WHICH SIGNED ECON AID AGREEMENT FOR 76-77 (WP 1/31).

SVN TAKES MEASURES AGAINST SPECULATION IN FOOD, ESPECIALLY RICE (AFP, NYT).

UDORN CLOSES; ONLY KORAT, UTAPAO REMAIN OPEN OF US BASES THAILAND. KORAT SCHEDULED CLOSE FEB; UTAPAO FUTURE UNCERTAIN (CHITRIB). RTAF WILL CONTINUE USE UDORN, EQUIPMENT LEFT BY US (REUTER, NYT). THAI ARMY C-IN-C SUGGESTS US TROOPS REMAIN AS BALANCE IN REGION (WP 1/31; AP, SUN 2/1).

2. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

DUBIN (PHINQ) DESCRIBES HOW 114 CAMBODIANS WHO WANT REPATRIATION ENDED UP IN PHILLY YMCA. WITH CLOSING PENDLETON, VOLAG BROUGHT REFUGEES WHO WANT RETURN TOGETHER IN AREA WHERE HAD STRONG ORGANIZATION. FUTURE UNCERTAIN, SINCE CAMBODIAN GOVT HAS GIVEN NO INDICATION WANTS THEM BACK.

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3. JAPAN

NYT'S HALLORAN IN TOKYO (2/1) TRACES DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC DEBATE ABOUT LIFTING POST-WAR BAN ON ARMS EXPORTS. URGED BY NIPPON STEEL'S SHIGEO NAGANO, OTHER BUSINESS LEADERS, BUT MIKI OPPOSED -- SAID WOULD NOT LIFT LONG AS PM, FOR FEAR OF DAMAGING JAPAN'S REPUTATION AS PEACEFUL NATION THAT AVOIDS TAKING SIDES IN DISPUTES.

SEIDEN (SUN 1/31)NOTES GOJ, DESPITE BAN, DECIDED PERMIT EXPORT SALES OF 14-MILLION DOL US-1 SEARCH AND RESCUE AIRCRAFT, AND 13-MILLION DOL C-1 CARGO PLANE. MITI

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RULED NOT COVERED BY BAN, SINCE NOT "MILITARY WEAPONS."
MAKERS' SPOKESMEN REPORT FOREIGN INQUIRIES, BUT NO
FIRM CONTRACTS. NOTES BUSINESS LEADERS FEAR INCREASING
INABILITY CONCLUDE DEVELOPMENT CONTRACTS, MOSTLY IN ME,

UNLESS CAN ALSO DELIVER ARMS -- AS DOES US, OTHER WESTERN
NATIONS.

WGER MFA SAID FRIDAY US, JAPAN, FIVE OTHER NUCLEAR
POWERS AGREED TO NEW GUIDELINES, THAT REQUIRE
RECIPIENTS OF PLANTS AND KNOW-HOW PROMISE WILL NOT
USE TO MAKE A-WEAPONS(AP, NYT 1/31). SOURCES ADDED
PLEDGE WILL BE SUPERVISED BY IAEA (WP 1/31). OISHI
(SUN 1/31) CITES US SOURCES WHO SAY PURPOSE OF SECRET
AGREEMENT IS PREVENT NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS FROM TRYING
"UNDERBID" EACH OTHER BY OFFERING LESS RIGID SAFEGUARDS.

CULLISON (JOC) SAYS LEARNED OVER WEEKEND NINE JAPANESE
POWER FIRMS EXPECT CONCLUDE AGREEMENT WITH BRITISH NUCLEAR
FUEL LTD, TO REPROCESS SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL IN UK. BNFL
WOULD CONSTRUCT SECOND PLANT TO PROCESS 4,000 TONS OVER
10-YR PERIOD, BEGINNING 1979; ASKS UTILITIES PAY 40
MILLION DOLS AS ADVANCE REPROCESSING PAYMENT.

GOJ REPORTS "ABNORMAL" AMT RADIATION ALONG COAST, BELIEVED
CAUSED BY PRC NUCLEAR TEST WEEK AGO; BUT SEES NO DANGER
HUMAN LIFE (AP, NYT 1/31).

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SPECIALTY STEEL MAKERS, TRADING FIRMS PLANNING FORM
EXPORT ASSN. INSTIGATED BY MITI, ENCOURAGED BY STAINLESS
STEEL EXPORT COUNCIL. EXPECTED TRY LIMIT SHARPLY
INCREASING SPECIAL STEEL EXPORTS TO US, TO FORESTALL
POSSIBLE USG FORMAL ACTION TO LIMIT IMPORTS (JOC, TOKYO).

LAUTREC PAINTING "MARCELLE", STOLEN FROM KYOTO MUSEUM
SEVEN YEARS AGO WHILE ON LOAN FROM FRANCE, RETURNED
UNHARMED TO ASAHI OFFICE OSAKA FRIDAY, BY UNNAMED
EMPLOYEE, ONE MONTH AFTER STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS EXPIRED.
POLICE PROMISE RETURN TO ALBI MUSEUM, WHEN INVESTIGATION
COMPLETED (SEIDEN, SUN 1/31).

DAIHATSU KOGYO, YUASA BATTERY CLAIM HAVE DEVELOPED WAY
RECHARGE BATTERIES IN ONLY 30 MINUTES; COULD LEAD TO
DEVELOPMENT MORE COMPETITIVE ELECTRIC CARS (WSJ).

MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES PLANS REDUCE WORK FORCE
10 PCT, OR 8,000 WORKERS, BY END MARCH 1978, TO COPE
WITH DECLINING SHIP ORDERS (WSJ, TOKYO).

JAPAN'S GOLD, FOREX RESERVES ROSE 338 MILLION DOLS IN

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JAN, FIRST TIME IN SIX MONTHS. NOW 13.153 BILLION DOLS, ACCORDING MOF (REUTER TOKYO).

ASW PLANE CRASHED INTO SEA NEAR TOKYO MONDAY, ACCORDING JDA. PILOT KILLED, TWO CREWMEN MISSING, FOURTH RESCURED, HOSPITALIZED IN FAIR CONDITION (REUTER TOKYO).

4. KOREA

HALLORAN (NYT 2/1) IN TOKYO CITES SK DIPLOMAT WHO SAID IN SEOUL THAT US MADE "STRONGEST POSSIBLE REPRESENTATIONS," BORDERING ON THREATS, TO PERSUADE ROK CANCEL PURCHASE OF FRENCH REPROCESSING PLANT (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

5. CHINA

AP (TOKYO) REPORTS PEOPLE'S DAILY SUNDAY CHARGE THAT SOVIET HAS DUMPED "THOUSANDS OF TONS" OF ARMS INTO ANGOLA AND PROVOKED CIVIL WAR THERE WITH AIM OF
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CONTROLLING STRATEGIC AFRICAN COUNTRY (SUN).

6. HONG KONG

CONSTRUCTION CONTROVERSIAL 1.2 BILLION DOL SUBWAY LINE MEANS DISRUPTION FOR NEXT THREE YEARS IN TRAFFIC ALONG COLONY'S BIGGEST SHOPPING CENTER, UPROOTING OF THOUSANDS OF SQUATTERS, MANY ITINERANT VENDORS (NYT 2/1).

7. PHILIPPINES

UN OFFICIAL SAYS PHILS WILL GRANT RESIDENT STATUS TO 1,400 VN WOMEN WHOSE FIL HUSBANDS DESERTED THEM, CHILDREN (AP, NYT).

8. AUSTRALIA

GOA ANNOUNCES NICHOLAS FANCOURT PARKINSON WILL BE NEXT AMBASSADOR TO US (AP NYDN, SUN; WP).

DEPUTY PM ANTHONY SAYS PRIVATE ENTERPRISE WILL BE ALLOWED DEVELOP NORTHERN TERRITORY URANIUM DEPOSITS, REVERSING ALP DECISION THAT AUSSIE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION MUST BE INVOLVED IN ALL PROJECTS (AP, NYDN 2/1).

IN FIRST MAJOR ECON STATEMENT, FRASER GOVT ASKS FIVE MILLION AUSSIE WORKERS ACCEPT HALF SCHEDULED NATIONAL PAY RAISE TO FIGHT INFLATION, GET COUNTRY BACK ON SOUND ECON FOOTING (REUTER CANBERRA).

9. MILITARY AFFAIRS

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AP REPORTS 93-PAGE BROOKING STUDY, RELEASED SUNDAY, WHICH SAID MARINE CORPS OUT OF STEP WITH TIMES, MUST ABANDON PREOCCUPATION WITH AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE OR RISK BECOMING "COSTLY ANACHRONISM." AUTHORS MARTIN BINKIN, JEFFREY RECORD, SAY CORPS MUST SHIFT PRINCIPAL FOCUS FROM SEABORNE ASSAULT TO MORE APPROPRIATE MISSION, SUCH AS GARRISONING REMAINING US ASIA OUTPOSTS, OR DEFENDING CENTRAL EUROPE. AP SAYS CORPS SUPPORTERS HAVE BEEN WORRIED SOME TIME IT
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MIGHT BE DOWNGRADED BECAUSE US GRADUALLY SCALING DOWN ASIAN-PACIFIC MIL PRESENCE. STUDY CONTENDS CORPS WELL SUITED FOR THIRD-WORLD AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS, BUT LESS WELL SUITED FOR COMBAT IN KEY AREAS, SUCH AS NE ASIA (SUN, NYDN; PHINQ, CHITRIB; WP'S AUSTIN SCOTT; NYT'S MIDDLETON).

CSM HALVERSON SAYS TOP DOD OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT LONG-RANGE US MIL STRENGTH IN W PACIFIC, EA, WHERE OVERALL HAS DROPPED 25,000 MEN IN PAST YEAR TO AROUND 155,000 AT BEGINNING 1976. SAYS UNCERTAIN HOW LONG US WILL BE ABLE MAINTAIN FIXED LAND BASES NETWORK THROUGHOUT REGION, IN LIGHT OF UNSETTLED POL SITUATION, TREND TOWARD "NEUTRALISM" FOLLOWING COMMUNIST SUCCESSES IN VN. NOTES US CARRIER PRESENCE EA HAS BEEN QUIETLY REDUCED. FOR ITS PART, SOVIET HAS DRAMATICALLY STEPPED UP NAVAL PRESENCE THROUGHOUT PACIFIC DURING PAST YEAR. SAYS WHILE US NAVAL FORCE IN ASIA REMAINS FORMIDABLE, REDUCTION IN CARRIER MOST BOTHERS SOME ANALYSTS. US ATTACK-SUB FLEET, MOREOVER, NOT BELIEVED LARGE AS EITHER SOVIET OR PRC FORCE NOW OPERATING IN ASIAN WATERS. STATES THAT PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF GENERAL US DECLINE IN ASIA, AND UPSURGE OF SOVIET ACTIVITY, US DEFENSE PLANNERS PUTTING INCREASED PRESSURE ON JAPAN TO BUILD UP DEFENSE-FORCE LEVELS, WHILE CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT INCREASED PRC PRODUCTION NAVAL VESSELS. IN ADDITION, DOD PLANNERS MULLING POSSIBILITY MOVING TOWARD ASIA MOBILE OFFSHORE NAVAL INSTALLATIONS IN 1980S. REPORTS WHILE CURRENT US BASES PHILS, SK, JAPAN CONSIDERED ABSOLUTELY VITAL, US ALSO INTERESTED IN FUTURE NAVAL RIGHTS SINGAPORE, AFTER FINAL BRIT PULLOUT LATER THIS YEAR.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. INDOCHINA

SUN (1/31) NOTES AMB MARTIN'S VIEW OF WHAT WENT WRONG

IN SVN, ROLE OF INDOCHINA RESOURCES CENTER, CLAIM THAT

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HE DID GOOD JOB IN EVACUATION. SAYS IS CONTENT LEAVE
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FURTHER JUDGMENTS ON EVACUATION TO HISTORY. WONDERS
WHAT WOULD BE GAINED BY CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION
INDOCHINA RESOURCES CENTER PRESSURE ON CONGRESS.
BELIEVES CONGRESSMAN'S VOTE MORE LIKELY INFLUENCED BY
WHAT HEARS FROM HOME THAT WHAT HE HEARS FROM PERSON IN
HIS OFFICE. OPINES WITHOUT LONG HISTORY OFFICIAL
DECEPTION, OFFICE LIKE INDOCHINA RESOURCES CENTER MIGHT
NEVER HAVE BEEN VIABLE.

WSTAR (1/30) FINDS "STARTLING" STATEMENTS BY COLBY THAT
"WE WON THE PEOPLE'S WAR," AND BY AMB MARTIN THAT SVN
LOSS DUE BUDGET CUTS INDUCED BY INDOCHINA RESOURCES
CENTER. FINDS MARTIN'S OPINION CONTRADICTS CONVENTIONAL
WISDOM THAT CONSENSUS BUILT UP IN US THAT GVN MILITARILY
TOO FRAIL, POLITICALLY TOO NARROW-BASED TO SURVIVE.
DOUBTS HISTORIANS WILL SUSCRIBE FULLY TO STATEMENTS BY
COLBY, MARTIN.

DON LUCE (WSTAR 2/1/) OPINES DOMESTIC WEAKNESS BEAT
THIEU, NOT PROPAGANDISTS IN US. CONTRADICTS MARTIN'S
ASSERTIONS, CALLS THEM SELF-SERVING, DANGEROUS FOR
COUNTRY. SAYS US CANNOT PROTECT RICH, CORRUPT LEADERS
FROM OWN PEOPLE. FINDS CORRELATION BETWEEN NUMBERS
POLITICAL PRISONERS, AMOUNT US AID COUNTRY RECEIVES.
STATES REAL NEED IN US IS FOR CAREFUL ANALYSIS, FULLER
DEBATE PRESENT POLICIES IN PHILS, ANGLOLA, BRAZIL --
NOT STIFLING DISSENT.

MCGRORY (CHITRIB) FINDS MARTIN "COMPLEAT DIPLOMAT" IN
APPEARANCE BEFORE HIRC; CALLS "BIZARRE" ACCUSATIONS
OF ROLE INDOCHINA RESOURCES CENTER. BELIEVES TESTIMONY
STAGGERING INSULT TO CONGRESS -- AND SAYS IT STAGGERED
THEM. NOTES MARTIN BRUSHED ASIDE WAR'S COSTS, WENT
INTO "MONOLOGUE ABOUT HIS OWN MODESTY AND CANDOR." OPINES
MARTIN'S PRESENCE WAS TIMELY REMINDER HOW HARD IT IS
GET OUT OF COUNTRIES -- SO US WILL NOT GET INTO ANGOLA.

HEINL (DETROIT NEWS 1/22) REVIEWS WESTMORELAND BOOK.
SAYS WOULD BE ONE THING HEAR GEN'S WORDS, ANOTHER TO
HEAR WORDS OF GHOSTWRITER, AS IN THIS CASE. REVIEWS SOME
POINTS; BOOK REMINDS OF DEATH GEN ABRAMS -- WHO SWUNG
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RUDDER OF WAR, "TOO LATE, IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION."

10. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

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WP'S GREENWAY AT ARANYAPRATHET DOES LENGTHY PG-1
ARTICLE ON STORIES OF LIFE IN CAMBODIA RELATED BY

REFUGEES WHO CONTINUE TRICKLE INTO THAILAND. NEW
CAMBODIA SAID TO BE HARSH, JOYLESS LAND OF UNBENDING
DISCIPLINE IN WHICH BOURGEOIS LIFE DESTROYED, CITIES
ALMOST ABANDONED, COUNTRYSIDE REGIMENTED INTO VAST
LABOR CAMP. LACK FOOD, MEDICINE PLUS FORCED MIGRATIONS
CAUSED UNTOLD SUFFERING, DEATH ACCORDING REFUGEES.
GREENWAY ALSO HEARS "DARK TALES" OF MASS REPRISALS
AGAINST OFFICIALS, SOLDIERS FORMER REGIME THAT "CANNOT
BE DISMISSED AS MERE PROPAGANDA." NOTES APPARENTLY
NO ATTEMPT BY VICTORS WIN PEOPLE OVER THROUGH GRADUALISM,
PERSUASION, RE-EDUCATION. REVIEWS RECENT 2ND MIGRATION,
THIS TIME INTO NORTHERN, NW PROVS, BUT MANY TRANSPORTED
BY BOATS, TRUCK RAIL, INDICATING NEW DEGREE EFFICIENCY,
CENTRALISM. OPINES SELF-SUFFICIENCY SO IMPORTANT TO
NEW RULERS THAT EXTREME MEASURES VIEWED AS NECESSARY;
CRUEL BEHAVIOR MAY BE ASCRIBED TO INSECURITY, SINCE KR
TROOPS SPREAD THINLY. REVIEWS HISTORY OF CAMBODIAN
REV MOVEMENT THAT WAS FORMED DURING 5-YR WAR, DID
NOT HAVE DECADES TO PREPARE TAKE POWER, AS IN VN, LAOS.

11. KOREA

KOREAN INFO OFC, STOCKHOLM, PLACED FULL-PAGE AD IN
SUNDAY NYT (2/1), REPRINTING KIM IL-SUNG THESIS THAT
NON-ALIGNMENT MOVEMENT IS "MIGHTY ANTI-IMPERIALIST
REVOLUTIONARY FORCE OF OUR TIME." PUBLISHED ORIGINALLY
IN FIRST ISSUE OF ARGENTINE JOURNAL, "GUIA DEL TERCERO
MUNDO", DEC 16, 1975.

WSTAR'S JOY BILLINGTON (2/1) REVIEWS LATEST CHAPTERS
IN TONG-SUN PARK SUCCESS STORY. HAS BEEN "COOLING IT"
PAST NINE MONTHS, PERHAPS, AS HINTED BY INTIMATES,
AT REQUEST OF PRES PARK, OTHER TOP KOREAN OFFICIALS;
BUT NOW PLANNING MOVE INTO GRANDER MANSION, THAT COST
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480,000 DOLS. SUGGESTS HE MAY BE ABOUT TO LAUNCH
SECOND SOCIAL FRONT, LAVISHING PERSONAL ATTENTION THIS
TIME ON FOREIGN DIPLOMATS, INSTEAD OF HILL AND ADMIN
LEADERS HE CULTIVATED IN PAST.

12. JAPAN

YATES (CHITRIB 2/1) TELLS HOW EXHORBITANT LIVING COSTS,
DEPRESSED ECONOMY DRIVING FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN HOME
FROM JAPAN. WAGE COSTS SO HIGH NO ONE TURNING KIND
OF PROFIT NEEDED TO PAY SALARY, ALLOWANCES FOR RENT,
SCHOOL, TRANSPORTATION, HOME LEAVE AND "MYSTERIOUS
AND EXHORBITANT LABYRINTHE" OF JAPANESE TAXES, WHICH

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MAY COST UP TO 175,000 DOLS/YR TO MAINTAIN FOREIGN EXEC IN JAPAN. NOTES JAPANESE "ALARMED" BY LACK OF FAITH IN THEIR NATION, AND PERIODICALLY OFFER AMBITIOUS PREDICTIONS OF RECOVERY.

YATES ALSO NOTES GOJ MAY BE GETTING READY TO EXPORT SOMETHING BESIDE TRANSISTOR RADIOS, COLOR TV AND SMALL CARS -- PEOPLE. WELFARE MINISTRY'S POPULATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE FORESEES WORK FORCE OF 57.2 MILLION IN 1985, BUT JOBS FOR ONLY 55 MILLION; STATES NOW MAY BE TIME "EXPORT THOUSANDS MORE JAPANESE."

CHI S-T'S KONDRACKE REVIEWED ONCE-BANNED BOOK BY ISRAEL'S MATTI GOLAN, "FROM CONFRONTATION TO DISENGAGE-MENT". AMONG WELTER OF ALLEGATIONS OF DUPLICITY BY SECSTATE, GOLAN CHARGES HAK TOLD ISRAELIS THAT TANAKA TOLD HIM HE HAD TO PROVE DEFENDING JAPANESE INTERESTS BY DEMONSTRATING HOSTILITY TOWARD ISRAEL DURING 1973 OIL EMBARGO; ALSO TOLD GOI "HIGH OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON ASSUMED JAPANESE UNRELIABLE" (WP, 1/30).

13. PHILIPPINES

NYT' BUTTERFIELD, IN MANILA, CITES EYEWITNESSES' REPORT THAT GOP ARMY TROOPS DETAINED MORE THAN 200 STRIKING WORKERS FRIDAY AS PART OF ONE OF BIGGEST CRACKDOWNS SINCE MARCOS DECLARED MARTIAL LAW. SOURCES ADDED THAT ABOUT 120 OTHERS, INCLUDING LABOR ORGANIZERS, STUDENTS,
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INTELLECTUALS, SLUM COMMUNITY LEADERS AND PERSONS ACCUSED OF BEING COMMUNISTS, HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN LAST MONTH; IN ADDITION, TWO ITALIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIESTS WERE ARRESTED/DEPORTED LAST WEEK FOR INVOLVEMENT IN LABOR AND SQUATTER ORGANIZATIONS. BUTTERFIELD SUGGESTS GOVT HAS EVIDENTLY MADE ARRESTS TO COUNTERACT GROWING WAVE OF POL OPPOSITION, LABOR UNREST; NOTES ALSO "DEVELOPMENT UNUSUAL" FOR PHILS -- SOME UNION LEADERS/CHURCH ACTIVISTS/ COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS APPEAR ACHIEVING DEGREE OF COORDINA-TION (JAN 31).

14. LOS-FISHERIES

SUN (2/1) DEPLOTES FACT CONGRESS TURNED BACK ON HISTORIC AMERICAN PRINCIPLE OF FREEDOM OF SEAS IN VOTE TO ADOPT 200-MILE FISHING ZONE. NOTES BILL WOULD PERMIT US REGULATE "MIGHTY" TRAWLER FLEETS OF JAPAN, SOV, AND GIVE US BOATS "FIRST CRACK" AT SCARCE FISH. ALSO NOTES LOS RECONVENING TO NEGOTIATE TREATY, INCLUDING 200-MILE MANAGEMENT MEASURES; ASSERTS UNILATERAL GRAB AT SUCH TIME BY BIGGEST COASTAL POWER, HISTORICALLY OPPOSED TO SUCH GRABS, MAY STAMPEDE LESSER STATES INTO MAKING

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VARIED CLAIMS, THUS RENDERING AGREEMENT THAT MUCH LESS LIKELY.

GLOBE (1/31) HAILS SENATE VOTE TO EXTEND FISHING LIMIT TO 200 MILES. BELIEVES WILL ALLOW DEPLETED FISHERY STOCKS REGENERATE, GIVE OUR OWN BOATS BETTER CHANCE TO HARVEST FISH OFF SHORE. SAYS DOS DESIRE NEGOTIATE INTL AGREEMENT IN LOS "UNDERSTANDABLE," BUT POINTS OUT CONFERENCE IN SESSION FOR YEARS WITHOUT REACHING AGREEMENT, AND LIKELY MORE YEARS BEFORE FINAL DOCUMENT ACCEPTED.

GLOBE'S WERMIEL TELLS HOW MUSKIE "SAVED THE DAY" FOR 200-MILE BILL BY LEADING LAST-MINUTE MANEUVERS IN SENATE TO FOIL ADOPTION "MEANINGLESS" GRAVEL-CRANSTON SUBSTITUTE. CITES HILL SOURCE THAT HAK TRIED WITHOUT

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SUCCESS GET PRES FORD PUBLICLY SUPPORT SUBSTITUTE, THAT ONLY WOULD HAVE INVOKED PROVISIONS OF 1958 LOS TREATY TO CALL FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT CALLING FOR 200-MILE LIMIT. INGERSOLL

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